

Town of Isle La Motte
Board of Abatement Meeting
November 2, 2016
Town Hall/6:30 PM

Members present: Steve Stata-Selectman, Rustam Spaulding-Selectman, Selby Turner-Selectman, Betty Lockerby-Justice of the Peace-Chair, Cathy Tudhope-Justice of the Peace, Sylvia Jensen-Justice of the Peace, Debbie Spaulding-Lister Chair, Deb Daly-Lister, Michele Murray-Clerk/Treasurer

Other present: Martin Jensen, Mary LaBrecque-Delinquent Tax Collector, Joyce Tuck, Marjorie Bertram, Paul Zera, John Yaratz

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM on November 2, 2016 by Chair Betty Lockerby.

1. ACT ON ABATEMENT REQUEST FROM MARTIN JENSEN:

Betty Lockerby handed out an informational sheet (board of abatement responsibilities).

Jensen inquired as to where the information came from, Debbie Spaulding answer; from the Board of Abatement handbook.

Jensen recused herself from the Board of Abatement. Jensen is representing Martin Jensen.

Jensen had discussion; Martin's house is appraised at 100,000+, the house was purchased at an open auction for \$24,500 plus \$1,500 transaction fee, purchased in July. Martin is requesting abatement of taxes under; 4. (a) (3) *taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.*

Martin Jensen had discussion; the former owner has paid \$100 toward 2016 taxes. Martin stated that, he was not aware that he would pay taxes.

Debbie Spaulding-question to Martin; have you made any attempt to pay anything on the taxes, answer; no.

Debbie Spaulding had discussion; the assessed value is for grievance time which is in the spring.

Sylvia Jensen requests that, Martin's taxes be lowered by half, \$1,000.00.

The board told Martin and Sylvia that a letter would be sent to Martin stating the decision.

Martin and Sylvia left the meeting, not allowed to stay during deliberation.

2. ACT ON REQUEST OF ABATEMENTS BY DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Mary LaBrecque had discussion;

1. Howrigan Family with a 10 acre lot in the swamp area has been Quit Claimed to the Town. Three years of taxes in the amount of \$425.82/taxes due from 2013.

2. Ron Murray's camper was destroyed, located in Sunset Rock Campground in the amount of \$322.24.
3. Stephen Fougere of Sunset Rock Campground in the amount of \$516.64 has disappeared. A small claims was filed with the court, can't find this person.
4. Dennis Morgan in the amount of \$408.78. Small claims has been filed, cannot find this person.
5. Jeremy Eynon in the amount of \$55.10 have left and can't find him.
6. Raymond Eagar in the amount of \$19.00. Moved his camper out in 2014.
7. Natile Jauvin in the amount of \$45.60, camper is gone from Lakehurst Campground. The Spaulding's spent \$2,500 to get rid of the camper, junk.

Debbie Spaulding had discussion:

1. Vince Sabourin 02-08-02-12D

This parcel is a double listing. Whatever this amount is, needs to be abated.

2. Longpre 02-03-106.456

This parcel should have been taken off the grand list. Whatever the amount is, needs to be abated.

Debbie had discussion; Jan Christinsen lot 11D at Sunset Rock will be picked up next year.

Rustam Spaulding made a motion to approve all of the mentioned except for Howrigan Family, 2nd by Turner, all in favor.

Stata had discussion; one of the Howrigan Family heirs had never heard of the property and did not want. It has taken quite some time for the town attorney to locate all the heirs of the property.

Rustam Spaulding made a motion to abate the taxes of the Howrigan Family, 2nd by Tudhope, all in favor.

All persons left the meeting except for the Board of Abatement members.

The board had discussion; another Board of Abatement meeting with Martin Jensen will be scheduled at a later date. The board will request from Martin Jensen documentation that will support his claim of inability to pay the taxes.

Deb Daly made a motion to table this hearing pending further information at 7:52PM, 2nd by Debbie Spaulding, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Michele Murray, Isle La Motte Clerk/Treasurer